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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1327-I)

In the Application of:

Kumar, et al.

Serial No.: 10/034,424

Filing Date: December 28, 2001

For: Immunoassays in Capillary Tubes

Examiner: Woodward

Group Art Unit: 1631

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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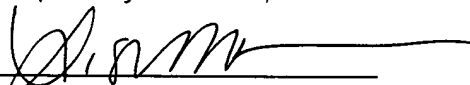
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The last communication received from the Office in the above-mentioned case was a communication dated October 17, 2002. Applicants respectfully request the status of the application.

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Dated: April 13, 2004



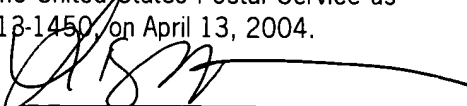
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